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VIA ECF

Hon. Leda Dunn Wettre, U.S.M.J.
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
Martin Luther King Building & U.S. Courthouse
50 Walnut Street
Courtroom 3C
Newark, NJ 07102

Re: CFTC v. WorldWideMarkets, Ltd., et al.; Civil Action No. 21-20715

Dear Judge Wettre:

This office, along with Gekas Law, Ltd., represents Defendant Arthur Dembro in the above-referenced matter. We write in furtherance of our November 6, 2023 letter. ECF No. 107).

As the Court may recall, part of the Court's reasoning in denying, without prejudice, Defendant Dembro's request for the entry of a Qualified HIPAA Protective Order was the potential for Defendant Dembro to obtain information regarding Defendant Thomas Plaut's health during a deposition. Shortly after the September 26, 2023 status conference before Your Honor, Plaintiff served three depositions for November 3 (Defendant WorldWideMarkets), November 14 (Defendant TAB Networks), and November 16 (Defendant Plaut).

Defendant Plaut failed to appear for his own deposition on November 16, 2023. Moreover, Defendant Plaut did not appear for the corporate-entity Defendants' depositions, nor did he send a representative. Copies of the "no-show" deposition transcripts are annexed hereto as Exhibits 1, 2, and 3.

In light of the foregoing, along with the reasons set forth in our November 6, 2023 letter (ECF No. 107), Defendant Dembro respectfully requests that the Court enter the Proposed Qualified HIPAA Protective Order so that he may obtain the appropriate discovery in this case.

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We are available to answer any questions you may have and thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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